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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Joe Chambers

Who would have ever guessed that January's weather – at least the first half - would have been that nice? Just a year ago we were in the grips of a good old-fashioned Midwest deep freeze. I'm sure all of you shared my excitement when we saw all that sunshine and enjoyed those moderate temps. I changed the oil in the Porsche on Monday (January 7) and was driving the car. It was great! We all knew it was just a matter of time before reality set in and were rudely reminded that we still live on the frozen tundra. Oh well, it was nice while it lasted.

The GPR Board held its first meeting for 2019 on January 8. We accomplished a good amount of planning for the coming year. In addition to our monthly Porsches and Pancakes, you can watch for a pay-your-own-way dinner to the Greek Islands restaurant at the end of February. We are still working on a March event. A tech session is planned in April, as well as a potential Fun Run. The Spring Fling DE at RPM will be on May 4th with a social that same evening. Our Club Race & DE in Hastings is on May 31, June 1 & 2, with the traditional Saturday Club Race Social June 1st. The details for all of these events will be published in Der Skooner as well as the usual email blast reminders. I mentioned last month that this is your Club. If you have an idea or

know of a fun event that would be a good fit for us we would like to hear from you.

The board is excited to announce that the GPR has selected Angels Among Us as our 2019 charity. Angels Among Us (<http://myangelsamongus.org>) supports families of children who have cancer and are receiving treatment here in Omaha. They are an Omaha based organization that primarily helps kids and their families from our community. We will be raising donations through a variety of ways from social events, parade laps and our annual Winter Party raffle. We hope that you will be generous with your support of this effort by our Club.

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Here's hoping February's weather is better than what we had in the first half of January!
-Joe

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Membership News

By Brandon Koom
Membership Chair

When you join the Porsche Club of America, you become a member of the largest independent, single marque club in the world. Membership is open to all Porsche owners, co-owners or lessees, who are 18 years of age or older. Club membership allows you to learn more about what your car can do, have more fun with it and get to know other Porsche owners who share your interests. We have fun, do cool stuff and drive some of the finest cars made. Come join the fun!

Why not save time and renew for 2 or 3 years? The benefits are many: you will be able to attend GPR member-only events such as the always popular Winter Party, Spring Fling Social as well as enjoy free advertising for car-related items for sale in Der Skooner. You must be a PCA member (pca.org) in order to join the Great Plains Region.

All GPR memberships expired on December 31st, unless you renew for multiple years. RENEW NOW!

Please go to gprpca.com and click on the green button: "Join or Renew Your GPR Membership Online". Be sure to add your significant other to the email list so she/he can also receive GPR/PCA emails. Complete the information and pay by credit card on our secure site. If you prefer to pay by check, you may print the online form and mail it in.

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20 Years

Mark Bergerson

By the Numbers

96 GPR members

264 PCA members in our Region

Welcome to new GPR member:

Brent Schulz

(transfer from Kansas City Region)

On the Cover

Porsches were well represented at the RM Sotheby's auto auction in Scottsdale, AZ during the annual auction week in January, 2019.
Photo by Kurt Halvorson.

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2018 Great Plains Region Treasurer's Report

Thanks to our sponsors and advertisers, the Great Plains Region had a great 2018.

We were able to have over 20 events in 2018. These events were all financed by the Club and we were able to keep the fees for track events reasonable while annual dues are \$30. We have prepaid \$5,000 in expenses for the 2019 year.

Balance 1-1-18	\$70,420.70
Revenue	\$53,120.74
Expense	\$44,641.22
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Russell Rabeler, Treasurer



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

9 th	Porsches & Pancakes	Garden Café, 11040 Oak St., Omaha	8:00 am
23 rd	Social Self-Pay Dinner See Page 10 for more information.	Greek Islands Restaurant 3821 Center St., Omaha	6:00 pm

March

9 th	Porsches & Pancakes	Garden Café, 11040 Oak St., Omaha	8:00 am
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April

3 rd -6 th	Treffen Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, CA	
6 th	DE 101 & Chalk Talk Watch for more information to come. NO Porsches & Pancakes this month.	Porsche Omaha, 6625 L Street	9-10:30 am

Watch your email and our website, gprpca.com, for new events as they are added.

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GPR Online Calendar

By Eric Elliott, Webmaster

Did you know you can add GPR events to your personal calendar right from the website? Read on to find out how.

There are two ways you can add events to your calendar:

Subscribe to the full calendar

This is the easiest method, and it ensures you always have the full, up-to-date GPR calendar on your phone or computer. Once subscribed to the calendar feed, all events from the

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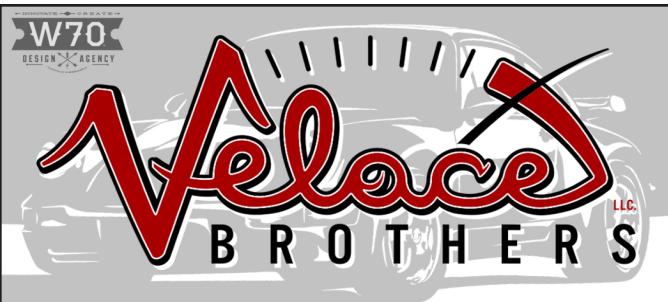
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Add individual events to your calendar

What if you don’t want all the GPR events on your calendar, but rather only those you are interested in? You can do this too.

To add a single event to your calendar, simply click on an event to see its full description, scroll down the page a little ways, and click on the “+ GOOGLE CALENDAR” or “+ ICAL EXPORT” button, depending on which calendar you use, and that event will be added to your calendar.

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Porsches and Pancakes - January 12th

9 GPR members and 1 future GPR member braved a very cold, snowy morning to have breakfast together at Rockbrook Café in January. This was a true dedicated breakfast crew kicking off the new year. Terry Lessmann drove his Cayman S (see picture below) through the snow to join the group. Now that's dedication!

Join us for our next Porsches and Pancakes breakfast on Saturday, February 9th at 8 am.



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~ Editor

2019 DE Schedule

By Terry Lessmann, Registrar

The GPR's 2019 DE schedule has been set. First up is a 1-day DE at Raceway Park of the Midlands (RPM) on **May 4**. Novices are welcome to participate. There will be a social dinner at the track at 5pm, with Attitude On Food providing delicious items from their food truck.

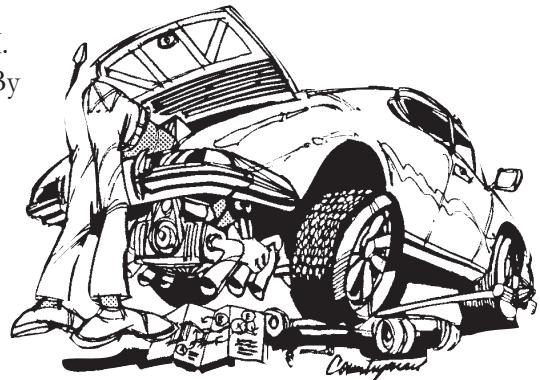
Later in May, we'll be returning to Motorsport Park Hastings (MPH) from **May 31 - June 2** for GPR's annual PCA Club Race and Advanced DE. Friday, May 31 will be a test and tune mainly for the club racers, but

DE participants are also welcome. This is an advanced DE, so participants will be required to have several DEs of experience on their resume as all DE cars will be in 1 run group.

The season finale will be on **October 19** as we return to RPM. Novices are welcome to attend. By the way, the Huskers have a bye week on the 19th.

Please mark your calendars and save these dates. You'll enjoy the fun and camaraderie with your fellow motor sports

enthusiasts. While not quite set in stone yet (waiting for signed contracts), we have worked to keep entry fees the same as 2018. Start wrenching on your cars so they're ready for May 4th.



Join Us for our Next Social Self-Pay Dinner

It's time for another social dinner together! This event is self-pay. We're tired of winter weather, so this time we'll dream of warmer places and meet at Greek Islands Restaurant, 3821 Center St, Omaha on Saturday, **February 23rd at 6:00 pm**.

From the Greek Islands Restaurant website: "The Greek Islands meals are prepared with fresh ingredients and cooked to perfection – visit the Greek Islands without leaving Omaha and enjoy ample amounts of homemade Greek and American cuisine that's good enough to receive your Greek grandmother's blessing and satisfy American appetites.

The family-owned Greek Islands Restaurant was established on August 8, 1983 by brothers, Laki "Bill" and George Sgourakis, and their two

families. Today, over 30 years later, they continue to believe in the same concept of serving authentic Greek food."

The menu looks wonderful - there's something for everyone! Here is a link to their website:

http://www.greekislandsomaha.com/images/TheGreekIslands_Dinner_7-2018.pdf

Please RSVP to Chris Coda, Social Chair, by [Friday, February 22nd](#) so we have a seat saved for you!
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See you there! Opa!



PSCB - A New Evolution in Porsche Braking Technology

By Jason Bien, Globally Certified Service Advisor, Porsche Omaha

Porsche has long been at the forefront of automotive performance technology. Form has always followed function. For example, a rear-mounted horizontally opposed engine was certainly not the easiest, cheapest, or sexiest option...yet Porsche saw the advantages in this design within its own principles. This was to build a car that combines everyday usability with performance and handling at its core. The engineers at Porsche had never concerned themselves with having the highest horsepower car, even though the company was well aware that this was actually the cheapest and easiest way to make a car fast...in a straight line at least. So why not pursue this economically viable option? Porsche knew that spending research and development money on the overall performance design of the WHOLE car would be far more beneficial in the long run. In an era when domestic brands were designing their vehicles around the



biggest and most powerful engine, Porsche was figuring out how to build the ultimate street performance vehicle with superb overall performance. With that in mind, it needed to be light, it needed to handle well, and it needed to stop on a dime.

Fast forward to 2019:

Porsche has stayed true to these principals, even with their SUVs. With the introduction of the new 2019 Porsche Cayenne came an even more substantial introduction. Porsche's Surface Coated Brakes (PSCB); a milestone in braking technology that was recently announced

with the introduction of the new 2019 Cayenne. These new brakes created a third option for enthusiasts to pick from

when ordering a new car. This option positioned itself financially between the traditional steel brakes and that of the Carbon Ceramic variety; however, the performance of these brakes are hardly middle of the road. These new PSCB brakes utilize the same 10 piston calipers that you'll find with the Carbon Ceramics. Normally, in most circles, this would be more than enough to justify pulling the trigger on that option during a fresh build. However, these new brakes have an added secret weapon up their sleeve. Atomic number 74 and atomic number 6. Tungsten & Carbon respectively, joined together in harmonious matrimony to create one of the hardest man-made substances known: Tungsten Carbide. This is the very same substance that's used to make industrial grade saw-blades and drill bits. A metal so hard, plasma lasers are needed just to cut through it. So, with all that, why our brakes?

Having a harder substance coated onto a steel rotor allows for a harder brake pad material to be used without damaging or prematurely wearing the rotor. This allows for higher friction coefficients and longer-last-

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Meet a GPR Member



The GPR/PCA is made up of a great group of members. This month's feature member is **Dennis Fitzke**.

Janis Joplin probably helped get Porches on my radar screen: "O Lord won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz, my friends all drive Porsches, and they are so in." Then Steve McQueen set the hook. I noticed a while back that Janis's 1964 356 cabrio with the psychedelic paint job sold at auction for \$1.76 million.

Growing up during the 60's in a small town in central Nebraska, I was dreaming of Porsches while driving a 1964 Ford Sport Coupe 4V/289 HP. On Saturdays we would go to nearby Hastings, which was, and still is a hot rod – performance car town and play cat and mouse on the one-way streets and alleys. That was back when The Showboat was still in business on the DLD highway where Motorsport Park Hastings is currently located.

The first near miss on Porsche ownership was during college with a 914. Common sense prevailed that 2" ground clearance was not the best for snow; however, the sensation of

taking the cloverleaf off Interstate 80 during a test drive is still imprinted on my brain. The next encounter came during the 1980 Corn Growers Convention in Phoenix. Following a day of meetings, I grabbed a few of the guys and said, "Let's go to the Porsche dealership". In the showroom, they had a 930 slant nose. The guys bought me the poster. (The poster still hangs in my basement.) I started driving a John Deere tractor when I was 4 years old, pulling the trailer as the men loaded hay or irrigation pipe in the field. My dad tied a rope to the hand clutch, so in an emergency, he could disengage the clutch from the trailer. The driving bug got me early, and growing up in a very rural setting, I was able to roll up a lot miles on the roads and in the fields prior to getting a driver license. I have always loved driving Tractors, Trucks, and Porsches.

In 1987, I bought an 83 Porsche 944 from "Ol' Smiley" Jim Earp on L street. Some unique features that clinched the deal - it was a first year 944, had the old-style dash, black and chrome BBS style wheels, and low mileage. **Denny Strauss** was referred to me as the guy who knows everything about Porsches. When I called Denny he said, "Take it over to **Larry Anderson** for a PPI." Larry did a thorough inspection, handed me the results, then summed

it up by saying, "Do the routine maintenance and drive it as hard as you want, they are bullet proof."

Thirty-six years later, the only major repair other than routine stuff was replacing the right front fender after it got beat in with a baseball bat during a football game in Boulder. Both Denny and Larry recommended joining GPR.

Right from the start, we thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Fun Runs/Rallies. With Mary riding shotgun, grade school age Alexandra in the back seat, and me behind the wheel we would spend a few hours traveling the route looking for landmarks, shifting at red-line, and debating whether we were lost or on track. As a driver, I held up damn well considering the amount of input I would get; however, there were times when I simply had to say, "Give me the sheet!"

One of the cool aspects of the club is the wide variety of social activities

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that are scheduled. Two that stand out: Sometime in the 90's we were at a meeting where Strauss was presenting a slide show of photographs he had taken of automobiles and I'm thinking this guy knows how to take a picture! The highlight of the evening, however, was when Mary won a floor jack! We have especially enjoyed the fine events hosted by **Carol and Bob Lynch**. One beautiful summer night that comes to mind, we were sitting on the patio overlooking the spectacular arboretum, while enjoying fabulous food and listening to the music of **Sandy Steckman** and the Neal Davis band. Later that night found us with a dead Porsche parked at the police airport, and Sandy and **Jim Avilla** on their way to jump it with a paper clip. It is a car club, however, it's the people that make the memories.

It was kind of interesting how the 2001 996 C4 showed up. I had been shopping for the better part of a year for a 911 Carrera in the 1984 – 1988 range, when I ran across a guy in the neighborhood with the C4 for sale. Adding a splitter, a wing, and a paint job gave it a look I like.

Like a lot of guys that grew up on a farm, in addition to driving stuff,

I also have a passion for playing in the dirt. A career in the agricultural seed business got me in the field at times; however, that was primarily the responsibility of my agronomists. To satisfy the crop growing bug, I started buying small amounts of farm land during the 1990's, which led to the acquisition of John Deere tractors - a couple for field work, and others just for fun. The fleet has been reduced to seven with the oldest being a hand crank 1937 and the newest loaded with all the precision agriculture technological bells and whistles. Tractors are kind of like Porsches – the old ones have a wonderful sound, feel, and smell – the new ones are like driving a video game as you primarily watch and listen to the monitor. Since stepping away from my day job, I've been working with a nephew as he expands his farming operation. This gets me behind the wheel of semi-trucks from time to time hauling grain from the field – yet another fun thing to drive! Going downhill on a gravel road in a Peterbilt loaded to the rails and needing to get to second gear to make a 90 degree turn, can produce anxiety similar to getting to second gear going into turn thirteen a little hot at MPH!

Although, I appreciate a well detailed machine, especially if it has a unique look. I like to drive my equipment, and therefore, I am not the best car

show guy. We have been in shows though - Lauritzen Gardens (one weekend with the 911 and the next with a John Deere), Sonic Drive In, Wahoo Cruz-in the Corn, and inside The Regency Fashion Court – to name a few. No trophies.

Several years ago, I took a break from planting on a Saturday and drove up to Hastings to watch the Carrera GT race. **John Krecek** got me in for a ride along and did a great job explaining how it works on the track. I bought a helmet and was back for the next DE. That weekend I learned more about driving a car from instructors **Steve Gallagher** and **Roland Nieves** than I had in all previous years combined.

Late one Saturday night in Hastings, **Joe Chambers** and I were talking about things guys can do in their spare time. I had finished planting soybeans Friday night, we ran the cars Saturday at MPH with the temperature topping out at 103 degrees, partied at **Tessman's** Texaco throughout the evening, and now we were standing on the track waiting for George to pull up with the bus. If we need to explain, you may not understand.

Going forward it would be nice to attend some national events. A 930 slant nose would also be nice.



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ing brake pads. That's the practical side of all this, now we'll get into the really fun part. Not only do these brakes last over 30% longer and practically throw you through the windshield when stomping on the pedal...they stay clean...really clean. If you hate brake dust and constantly cleaning your wheels, these are your brakes. No joke, Porsche picked the color white for the PSCB calipers for a reason. Porsche had so much confidence these brakes would stay clean they painted them the color that shows brake dust the most. If that isn't cool enough already, there's one final added bonus. The Tungsten-coated rotors become so shiny as they wear, they practically become mirrors. As seen in the picture, these rotors provide a true mirror finish within your wheels.

As Porsche continues to innovate, we can certainly count on more jaw-dropping innovations like this to come down the pipeline. Who knew that in an area that didn't seem to have any further opportunity for improvement, the engineers in Germany found a way to reinvent the wheel. In true Porsche spirit, form certainty followed function with these new PSCB brakes. It may have even surpassed it.



Barrett-Jackson Overload

By Steve Gehring, Past President

Ever since **Kurt Halvorson** told me some years ago about the Barrett-Jackson auction in Phoenix, it has been a bucket list item for me. This year, Kurt, son **Jeff**, a friend of his from New York (all of us Porsche drivers), and Kurt and Melinda's son-in-law Corey, decided to go for a day. For car junkies, this is an absolute delight and overload. The giant white tent structure itself is amazing. Approaching it by car, it looks like the top of the Denver Airport. Once inside, the structure is amazing and seems to go on for a mile. It took us about 3 hours to make our way through the covered section and then Kurt said, "There are about as many cars outside left to see". After another 2 1/2 hours, we simply ran out of energy. I estimate we saw about 80% of the approximately 1,800 cars that were there. I was simply astonished at the incredible number of cars that people have saved or collected and now want to sell. While the vehicles range from one of the old, never sold Chevy pickups discovered in Pierce, Nebraska several years ago, to hypercars like the Saleen S7 and the Pagani, there was literally something for everybody.

The event goes on for 9 days, but the first Saturday (when we went), is a great day to just do viewing of cars since there is no auction. The Sunday auction is principally automobile memorabilia since such as old signs, gas pumps, and the like. The cars go on auction starting on Monday and go at about 300 per day. If you like the auction part, you can sign up to see it online on a daily basis or view it on television. If you want to phys-

ically participate in the auction, there is a \$450 fee but you can purchase and pay online for \$100.

As an example of the variety of cars, I selected four. There was a wonderful '41 Crosley Convertible that



sold for \$12,000; a blue Ford Pinto in great shape that we all thought it could not possibly bring more than \$5,000 but, amazingly, it brought about \$15,000. On the high end,



Ford had a beautiful Gulf-liveried 2019 GT Heritage Edition which was auctioned for charity at \$2.5 million. For that price, it will obvi-



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ously (and sadly) become a garage queen. One of the most stunning and unusual cars for me was a 1953 Sunbeam Alpine Roadster. It was very tempting at \$41,800 and you would likely never see another one around.



If you love cars, I recommend one visit to Barrett-Jackson somewhere.



GPR Treasurer **Moe Shanley** (L), and President **Joe Chambers** (R), present a \$1,000 check to Susie Nelson, Executive Director for Angels Among Us.

2019 Great Plains Region Annual Winter Party

By Rick Mourey, Safety Chair
Photos by Joe and Cindy Chambers



The Great Plains Region opted for a change of venue this year and held its Annual Winter Party at The Champions Run Country Club on Saturday, January 19th. The new venue worked very well with over 80 members and guests attending. We kicked off the evening with cocktails and the usual Porsche banter, with many conversations focused on who was working on what and when was it going to warm up enough for a drive.

Joe Chambers, our incoming Club President, welcomed members and their guests, covered highlights of the Club's 2018 events and gave a quick review of activities for 2019. One item Joe discussed with members was GPR's selection of the Angels Among Us charity that supports families of children with cancer. The Club will support this charity throughout 2019 beginning with proceeds from our fun run collections in 2018 and raffle funds and donations from this year's dinner. Joe introduced Susie Nelson, Executive Director of the charity who provided everyone with an overview of the charity and its mission.

Mitch Schneringer from Porsche Omaha brought in a new Porsche built completely from Legos to display and provided the Club with several of the stellar 2019 Porsche calendars to raffle off. **Denny Strauss** donated 3 fabulous photographs to the raffle that he took at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

These photographs are truly works of art, and many, many thanks to Denny for providing these to the Club. We also raffled off gift cards from Borsheims, Bone Fish Grill, Sullivans Steakhouse and Flemings Restaurant.

Keeping with tradition, the Club's annual awards were given out with this year's winners:

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AW NUTS
Jeff Sena
(Jeff we know there is more to the story than what Joe provided...)

Most Improved Driver
Terry Whitney

Enthusiast of the Year
David Adler

We also presented outgoing president **Steve Gehring** with a plaque and "tongue in cheek" t-shirt to thank him for his leadership over the past two years and a very momentous driving experience.

Joe closed out the evening with a "thank you" to all who attended and to everyone who volunteered their time throughout 2018.

Pictures from the event are on pages 16 and 17.

Great Plains Region Winter Party - January 19th, 2019



2019 Great Plains Region Board

L-R: Terry Lessmann, Steve Gehring, David Adler, Rick Mourey, Joe Chambers, Moe Shanley

Not pictured: Chris Coda, Eric Elliott, Melinda Halvorson, Brandon Koom





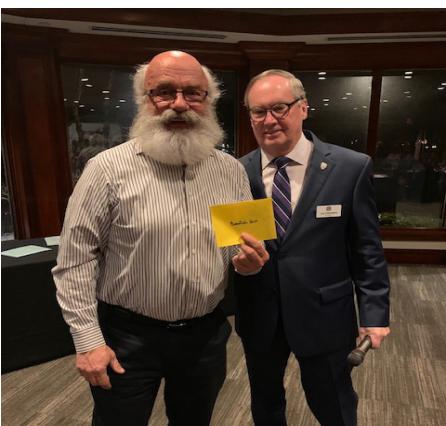
Family of the Year
L-R: Joe Chambers, Elisa Stutheit and
Tom Gutzke



Enthusiast of the Year
L-R: David Adler, Joe Chambers



Raffle Award Winners
(pictured above and below)



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Come with friends, and make new ones, exploring the American Riviera, enjoying the flavors of the coast, and basking in the abundant sunny skies sure to make you smile and make lasting memories.



Dates: April 3 – 6, 2019
Venue: Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort
633 E. Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara, CA
Website: treffen.pca.org



GPR January 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met at 6:00 pm on January 8, 2019 at the office of Cline Williams.

Present were:

Joe Chambers, Stephen Gehring, David Adler, Rick Mourey, Terry Lessmann, Moe Shanley; Phone: Chris Coda, Melinda Halvorson, Eric Elliott; Brandon Koom - Excused

Social - Chris Coda

January: Winter Party: 1/19/19 - 29 RSVP's (54 heads)

as of 1/8/19

February: Pay-your-way dinner on the 27th to Greek Islands restaurant

April: Porsche and Pancakes Breakfast will move to April 6 and include a tech session. Possible Fun Run to Museum of American Speed in Lincoln on April 27th.

May: Club Race June 1 - working with the Tessmans to host the club social at their house.

June: Summer Picnic date TBD – Walnut Grove Park

Safety/CDI - Rick Mourey

2018 Review: GPR held 9 insurable events in 2018 comprised of 8 driving events and 1 tech event.

Driving events included 3 DE's, 1 Club race and 4 Fun Runs. Approximate cars/drivers for all driving events was 158. 11 Novice drivers were certified into the "green" run group in 2018. We had 1 reportable incident (non-track) for all 9 insurable events in 2018. Introduced an "expanded passing" run group in the final RPM DE in October. This run group will be continued in 2019. All 2018 event reports required by PCA National were completed and submitted on time.

2019: DE HANS requirement for 5/6 point harness systems is now in effect for all DE events. The 2019 Tech form will be updated with this requirement. The DE helmet rule remains 2010 or 2015 Certified for 2019.

Registrar – Terry Lessmann

The 2019 DE schedule is set. Spring Fling DE May 4th at RPM, Club Race and Advanced DE May 31 - June 2 at MPH, OctoberFest October 19th at RPM.

Secretary – David Adler

No December minutes

President – Joe Chambers

Winter Party raffle prizes have been acquired.

Past President – Steve Gehring

Bylaws – Evaluated bylaws... there is no restriction on membership of the nominating committee. No bylaw change is required for continuing current operating procedures. The December meeting is the demarcation line between old and new board members.

Treasurer – Moe Shanley

Discussed establishing new procedures including separation of duties for revenue collection and funds withdrawal to ensure accountability.

December financials:

Balance 01/01/2018	\$70,420.70
Revenue	\$53,120.74
Expense	\$44,461.22
Balance 12/31/2018	\$78,900.22

Editor – Melinda Halvorson

January 15 deadline for February articles, Jason Bien will write a tech article, Steve Gehring to write on Barrett-Jackson visit, need winter party writeup – Rick Mourey, need pictures at winter party – Joe Chambers.

Membership – Brandon Koom

153 paid 2018 GPR members. 96 paid 2019 GPR members. 264 PCA members in our region

Webmaster – Eric Elliott

Events updated based on last board meeting/Der Skooner Board members updated with all info, new website preview before next board meeting.

New Business

None

Next Board Meeting:

5 February 2019, Dial In

Motion to adjourn was made at 19:30 and was accepted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
David Adler, Secretary

Everybody Boca!

PORSCHE PARADE 2019 HEADS TO THE FLORIDA BEACHES

The annual gathering of the PCA faithful heads to the exclusive Waldorf Astoria Boca Raton Resort and Club for the 64th Porsche Parade.

We'll be treated to the best the Palm Beach lifestyle has to offer. Water is plentiful, as are sunshine and palm trees, making this the perfect setting for a Parade week that only Florida can offer.

The Concours site is steps away at the resort's award-winning golf course, and we go back to the track as the Palm Beach International Raceway hosts the Parade Autocross. In addition, Florida's inter-coastal beauty will be on display during both the TSD and Gimmick Rallies.

Beyond Parade competitive events, you'll be able to enjoy breathtaking tours, world class shopping, deep sea fishing, golf, and water activities. And we're just getting started.



Parade 2019: the largest, single event PCA hosts each year.
And the next one promises to make a splash!

REGISTRATION OPENS EARLY FEBRUARY.